

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Wisconsin	
COUNTY: Waukesha	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	DEC 27 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
American Legion Home (Lain-Estburg House)

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Lain, Isaac, House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
229 Wisconsin Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Waukesha

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
9th

STATE Wisconsin	CODE 53186	COUNTY: Waukesha	CODE 133
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Clubhouse and restaurant	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments



4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
D. J. Martin Post No. 8, American Legion

STREET AND NUMBER:
229 Wisconsin Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Waukesha

STATE:
Wisconsin

CODE:
53186

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Waukesha County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
515 West Moreland Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Waukesha

STATE:
Wisconsin

CODE:
53186

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: **1935-36** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
District of Columbia

CODE:
20540

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located on the south side of Wisconsin Avenue in downtown Waukesha, the Lain house is a stately white frame building, Greek Revival in style. The main block is rectangular, five bays wide (east-west) by three bays deep, and two and one-half stories in height, surmounted by a low-pitched gabled roof with ridge parallel to Wisconsin Avenue. Focal point of the symmetrical facade (north elevation) is a full-height pedimented portico of four slender Doric columns. The central entrance is a rectangular door with narrow sidelights and transom and shouldered architrave trim surmounted by a cornice. Window openings are rectangular, with shouldered architrave trim and shutters. There are slim Doric pilasters at the corners of east, west, and north elevations and flanking the center bays of the facade. On the east elevation is a secondary entrance having a small, single story colonnaded porch. At the rear of the building is a cluster of one and two story wings, the latter of frame construction and evidently fairly old, although probably not contemporary with the main block.

By the 1930s, when the house was recorded for the Historic American Buildings Survey, the interior had already been extensively altered. Further modifications were made when it was converted for its present use--an American Legion headquarters, with restaurant and bar on the first floor. Even so, vestiges of the original central hall plan remain, as do portions of the original woodwork. Excepting construction of the various additions on the south end of the building, the exterior has survived intact. At this writing it is being refurbished.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1848**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<u>Association with</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	<u>historically significant</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	<u>local persons.</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lain house is one of Waukesha County's most impressive Greek Revival buildings and one of the few temple-style residences remaining in southeastern Wisconsin.

Because the original owner, Isaac Lain, was a carpenter by profession, it is assumed that he was involved in the design and construction of his home. According to Waukesha historian Willard S. Griswold, Lain came to Wisconsin from New York State in 1842 and after working as a carpenter-contractor for a few years, embarked on a career in real estate and insurance. He was also an organizer and officer of the Waukesha Woollen Mill, Griswold reports, and was active in local and state government, serving terms as village president, county board chairman, and assemblyman. A later owner, Edward R. Estburg, was mayor of Waukesha from 1914 to 1919, president of the First National Bank from 1918 to 1938, and long-time proprietor of what is now the city's oldest retail business--the jewelry firm founded by his father in 1858. For the past thirty years the building has belonged to the D. J. Martin Post No. 8 of the American Legion and has served as a clubhouse.

The Lain house was recorded in data-pages, photograph, and measured drawings for the archives of the Historic American Buildings Survey in the mid-1930s and has been awarded a marker by the Waukesha County Historical Society.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Griswold, Willard S., "Old Waukesha Buildings," Landmark, XII, No. 2, Spring, 1969, 6-7.

Historic American Buildings Survey, Wisconsin Architecture, Washington, 1965, 76-77.

Loerke, Jean Penn, Early Waukesha, Waukesha, 1973, 21.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		XXXXXXXXXX		
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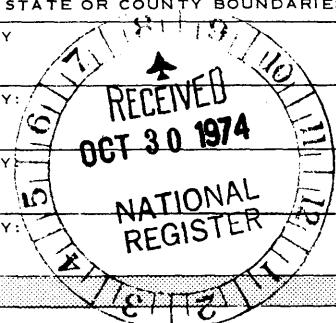
U.T.M. Zone 16:
399,760 E.
4,762,400 N.

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Less than 1.0**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Mary Ellen Wietczykowski, Chairman

ORGANIZATION: **Milwaukee Landmarks Commission** DATE: **Aug. 14, 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:
734 North Ninth Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Milwaukee** STATE: **Wisconsin 53233** CODE: **55**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: James Morton Smith
James Morton Smith

Title: Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

Date: Oct. 23, 1974

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Al Puckner
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 12/27/74

ATTEST:

W. M. Muntz
Keeper of The National Register

Date: DEC 26 1974

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6. Wisconsin Inventory of Historic Buildings and Sites (State)

1971

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

816 State Street

Madison

Wisconsin 53706

Code: 55

11. Donald N. Anderson, Asst. Director, Historic Sites & Markers Division

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

October 10, 1974

816 State Street

Madison

Wisconsin 53706

Code: 55

